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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

A separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson has been sent to label to Figs. 16, 17A and 18, as requested in the previous Office Action.

Claims 3-23 are pending in this application, claims 1 and 2 being canceled by way of the present amendment.